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3. Panic Among Government Officials in Nanking

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1. About 1,000 Communists with light arms entered Shanghai on 13 November, bringing the total number of armed Communists in Shanghai to an estimated 3,000. They held a meeting on 14 November.
2. The purpose of these Communists was to instigate rice riots, using the slogan, "anti-hunger". However, the food situation was alleviated before their arrival.
3. They now plan to organize a campaign against eight years of war called for by the Generalissimo, under the slogan, "anti-suffering-for-war and (anti)-suppression-of-people".
4. The Shanghai Garrison and police have been unable to locate these Communists. They feel that the Communists in Shanghai will remain under control so long as the military situation in Hsuehou remains fundamentally unchanged.
5. Mayor WU Kuo-chen of Shanghai stated that he will have ten million piculs of rice by Chinese New Year. This is a six months' supply.
6. Shanghai labor conditions are continuing to deteriorate. On 16 November Mayor WU, HSUAN Tieh-wu, Shanghai police chief, and other officials met to discuss the situation. Mayor WU expressed his intention to decree death for strikers.  
X1X [REDACTED] Comment. It is doubtful that the mayor's proposed action will bring results. Tramway and power company workers are ready to strike.)
7. On 15 November government officials in Nanking became panicky and were attempting to leave Nanking en masse, but the Generalissimo persuaded them to remain. Their families will be allowed to leave.
8. Shanghai will probably be safe for the next month. The Communists are expected to make a move to capture Shanghai prior to January 1948 in order to present the United States Congress with a fait accompli.

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